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October 12, 2000

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RE: Public Notice to Owner of Record, Stare Stone Quarries, Inc.,
Heber Quarry Mine Plan, M/051/001, Wasatch County, UT

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig,

I am writing in reference to your recent letter regarding Star Stone Quarry's request for expansion of their operation. Your letter asks for "factual reasons" for my objection, so I will try to do that.

As a resident of Lake Creek Estates who lives directly adjacent to the quarry operation, I urge that their permit be denied.

The operators of this quarry have recently expanded their area of digging far beyond that which they were doing three weeks ago. It appears that they are asking for this expansion permit after the fact.

The impact of this quarry on our residence is tremendous because we are only a few hundred feet from them. We hear their machines starting up every Sunday and most Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. when they proceed to bang away on the rock with their track hoes. Their headlights shine into our windows when they are using their front-end loaders to load trucks or move pallets well after dark into the late evening hours.

The regular blasting in the quarry is very noisy and causes earth vibrations that are capable of creating damage to the homes in our area. As a general contractor who constructed my own home, I am aware of the cost to repair this damage, and find it very disturbing that they have been allowed to continue thus far.

The trucks used to haul material are a hazard on the roads surrounding the subdivision.

All of the above items create dust that settles into our homes. Homes that were once neat and clean are now dust bins.

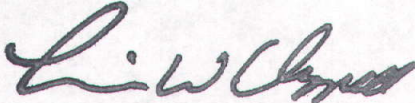
Some employees of the quarry are housed in a trailer nearby the Lake Creek Estates subdivision. The trailer appears to be a health hazard, with improper sanitation

hookups. Additionally, the residents of this trailer are disposed to play loud music well into the night.

You can probably imagine what a disturbing effect this bone-jarring nuisance has on us, being subjected to it night and day, seven days a week, for hours on end. Our formerly peaceful and secluded neighborhood in the quiet hills surrounding Heber City has suddenly been turned into a mind-numbing pit of continual noise and dust.

At the very least, we feel that the company should be ordered to immediately cease operations until this matter can be settled, as it appears that they are attempting to expand as much as possible before any hearings, approvals or other actions can be completed that might hinder the expansion they desire. Since they have no apparent regard for current rules and agreements, we are apprehensive about how well they will adhere to any agreement if their request is approved, and wish to prevent them from making any further disruption or destruction to our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. W. Chappell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Cc: D. Wayne Hedberg, State Department of Natural Resources